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1. MOST INTERNATIONAL TIN COUNCIL (ITC) COMMITTEE CHAIRMANSHIPS HAVE BEEN LEFT VACANT PENDING RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE WITH PRODUCERS OVER CHAIRMAN OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE. PROBLEM CONCERNS REFUSAL OF PRODUCER VICE CHAIRMAN AGIDI (NIGERIA) TO GO ALONG WITH TACIT
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AGREEMENT REACHED LAST JULY THAT JOHNSON OF UK WOULD

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SUCCEED FATAH OF MALAYSIA AS PART OF THE COMPROMISE WHICH BROUGHT PETER LAI TO THE ITC AS EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN. CONSUMERS EXPRESSED WILLINGNESS TO FIND COMPROMISE BUT AGIDI'S ATTITUDE WAS CLOSE TO AN ULTIMATUM, SO UNACCEPT-ABLE.

2. MATTER WILL PROBABLY DRIFT OVER INTO COUNCIL MEETING IN OCTOBER. WHILE BOTH PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS AGREE TO US CHAIRMANSHIP OF COMMITTEE ON COSTS AND PRICES (CAP), TO SHOW SOLIDARITY AND BUCK UP CONSUMERS ON BROADER QUESTION OF PRODUCER-CONSUMER RELATIONS, USREP SUGGESTED CAP CHAIRMANSHIP SHOULD BE KEPT IN ABEYANCE UNTIL OVERALL ISSUE SETTLED.

3. STATISTICAL, DEVELOPMENT AND COSTS AND PRICES COM-TEES ALL MET AND COVERED ROUTINE BUSINESS
MITTEES ALL MET AND COVERED ROUTINE BUSINESS UNDER ACTING CHAIRMANSHIP OF EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN LAI. ARMSTRONG

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